I am I

THE Ultimate Answer to THE Existential Reality Question

Printed Who am I? I am I ... book via Online Bookshop; Less Expensive Options

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Printed Book Ordering Procedure Summary

A) Well printed and bound professional quality paperback book

Order using pothi.com Order Page for Who am I? I am I ... book printed under title of 'Who am I? I am I — Ultimate Existential Reality Answer; Vedanta; God and Science conversation': https://pothi.com/pothi/book/ravi-s-iyer-ultimate-existential-reality-answer-vedanta-god-and-science. Short link: https://bit.ly/2xcUBja.

Sale price of copy is Rs. 159.

Pothi.com shipping charge (in Rupees) to Puttaparthi (South India) is as follows (as of 30th April 2018):

[Per copy cost inclusive of shipping – PCCIS]

1 copy – 50 [Total order price: 209] PCCIS = Rs. 209

2 copies – 85 [Total order price: 403] PCCIS = 403/2 = Rs. 201.50

3 copies – 85 [Total order price: 562] PCCIS = 562/3 = Rs. 187.33

For professional quality paperback book, 3 copies may be the best option for small book shops/sellers with the per copy cost inclusive of shipping coming to around Rs. 188.

Note: Shipping charge to other places in India may be somewhat more (Rs. 70 for Maharashtra for 1 copy instead of Rs. 50) or less.

B) Spiral binding book copies from Delhi based online printer, https://printonweb.in/

Printonweb.in will have to be provided (as uploads) the following files which are available on https://iami1.wordpress.com/consolidated-blog-content-document/:

- 1) Inner contents pdf document (123 pages of A5 size)
- 2) Cover Front Page ONLY picture (jpg file)
- 3) Cover Back Page ONLY picture (jpg file)

Production cost per copy of book (123 A5 size inner content pages printed on normal paper + colour cover front & back pages printed on thick glossy paper) is Rs. 80.60.

Shipping charge (in Rupees) to Puttaparthi is as follows (as of 30th April 2018):

[Per copy cost inclusive of shipping – PCCIS]

1 copy - 55 [Total order price: 135.60] PCCIS: = Rs. 135.60

2 copies - 62 [Total order price: 223.20] PCCIS: 223.20/2 = Rs. 111.60

3 copies - 62 [Total order price: 303.80] PCCIS: 303.80/3 = Rs. 101.27

For spiral binding less expensive book, 3 copies may be the best option for small book shops/sellers with the per copy cost inclusive of shipping coming to around Rs. 102.

Note: Shipping charge to other places in India may be somewhat more or less.

Details

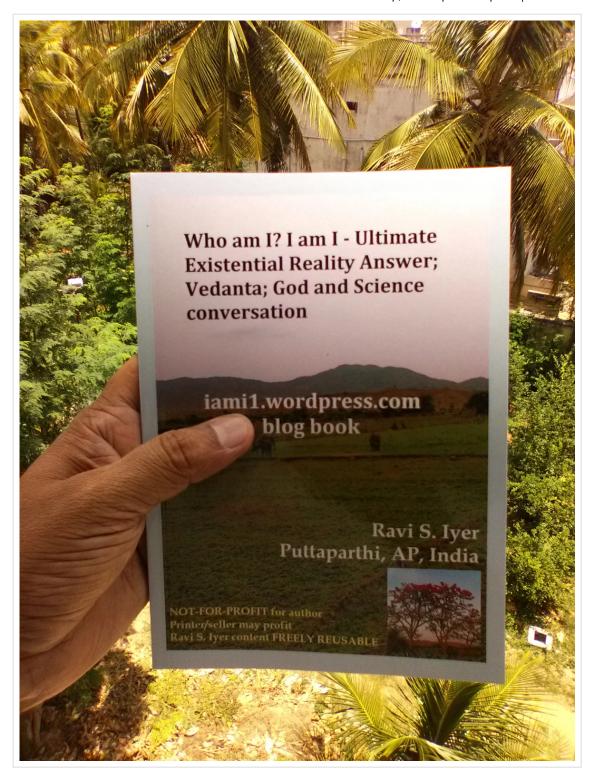
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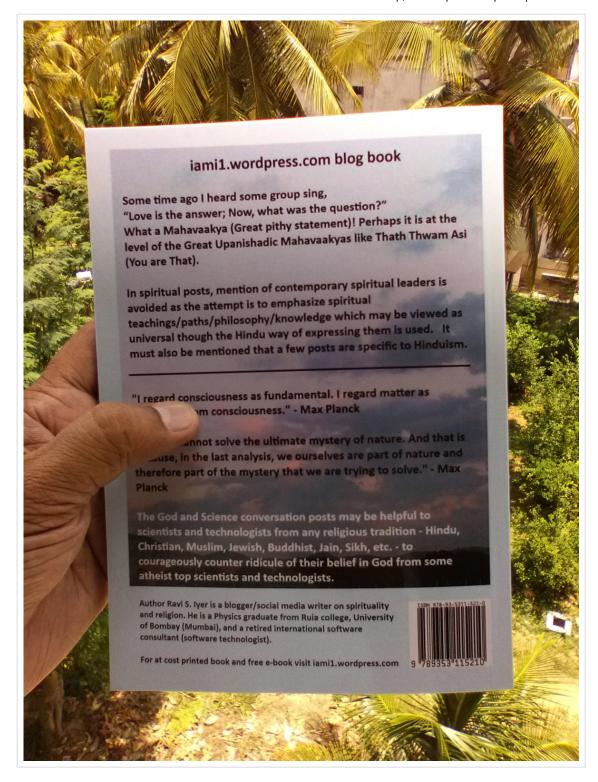
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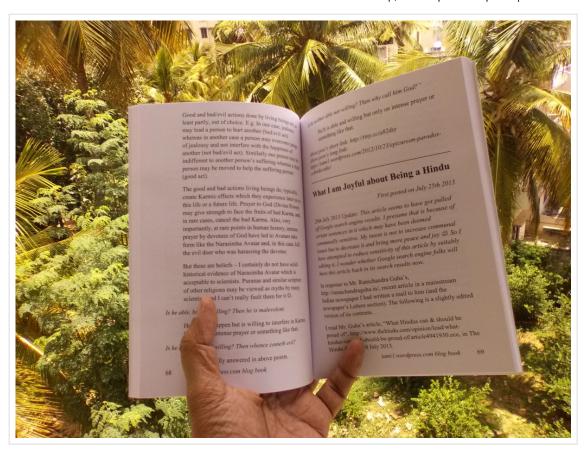
18th July Update

Given below are some pics of a modified cover page version and hopefully stable version of Pothi.com printed paperback copy I received on 16th July 2018

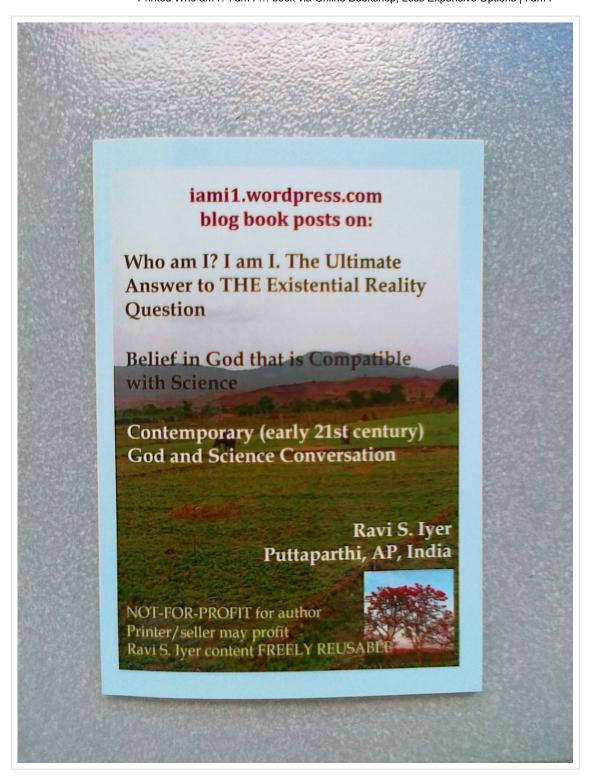
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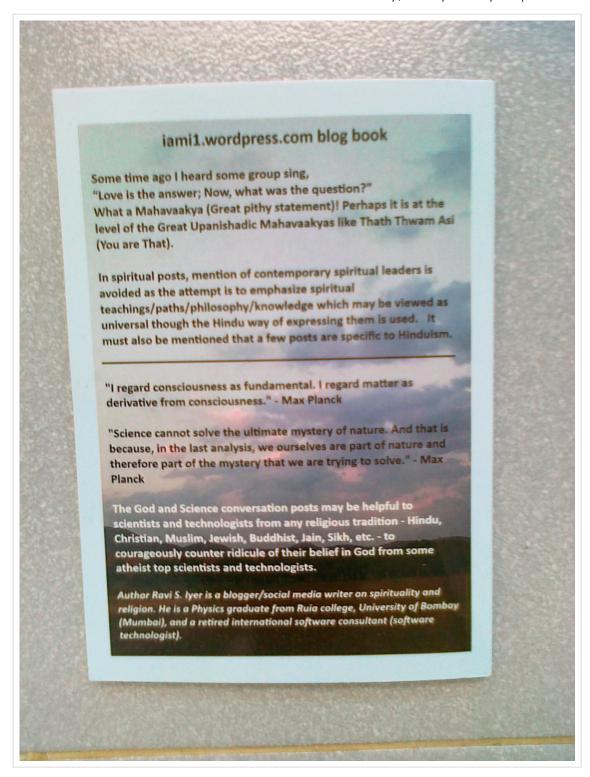




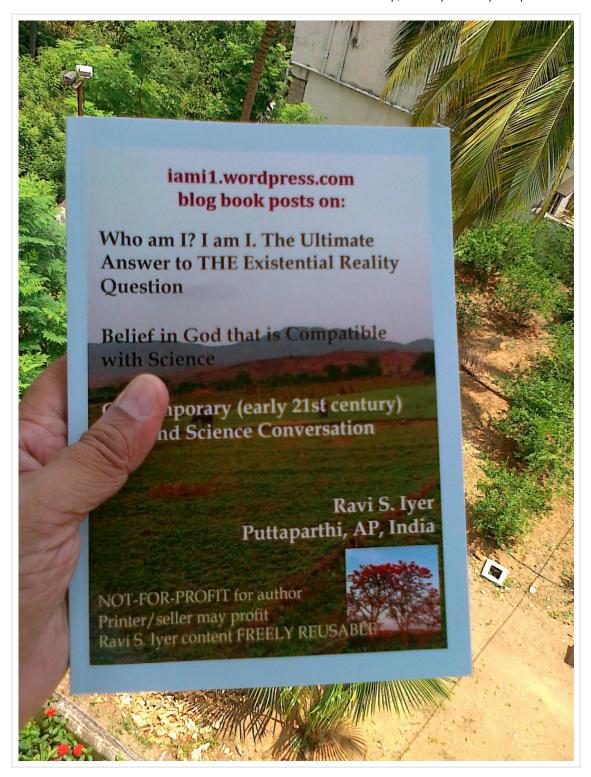


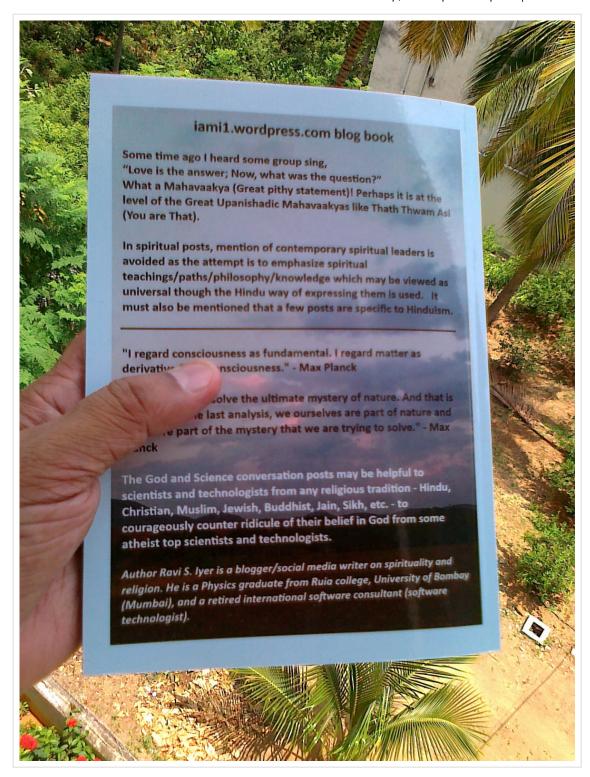
Given below are some pics of the first Pothi.com supplied/produced printed book copy I received (on 5th May 2018):

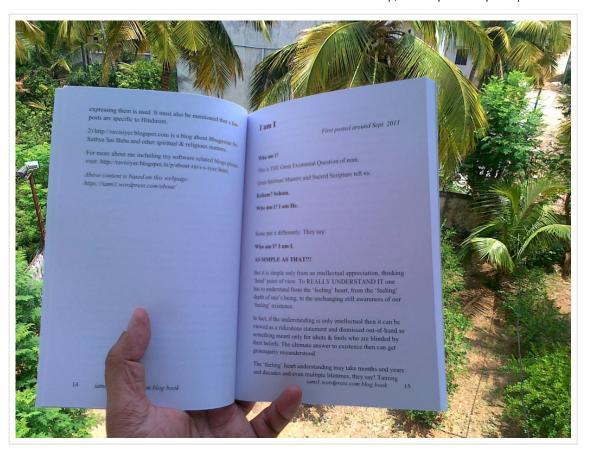


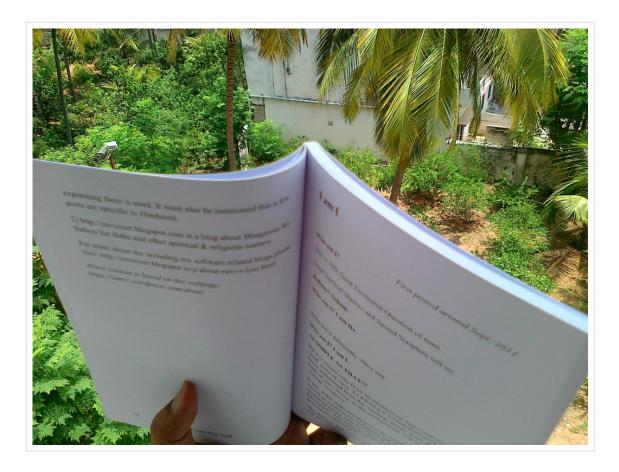












I was very pleasantly surprised with the book copy's excellent cover page quality, Soft Cover binding quality as well as clear printing of black & white inner content pages. The inner content

pages quality also seems to be decent, if not good. The binding seems to be as good as in regular paperback books which are sold in regular bookshops. In my humble opinion, this Pothi.com supplied printed book copy has an excellent look and feel! I strongly recommend this Pothi.com supplied printed book copy for those who are looking for good quality printed book copy and do not mind paying the Pothi.com price.

The book costs (as of April 2018) Rs. 159 plus shipping, and the book ships within India only. Note that there is ***zero royalty*** to me, the author, as per my choice, which makes this price to customer, the lowest possible price (on pothi.com). I also buy the book from Pothi.com at the same price, even for the purpose of giving free (complimentary) copies to some persons.

I placed my first order at Pothi.com for printed copy of this book on 27th April 2018. The shipping (courier) charge was Rs. 50. So the total money I paid was Rs. 209. I received delivery of the book on 5th May 2018.

Note that the above book sale page says, "Processed in 3-5 business days. Shipping Time Extra". The 3-5 business days processing is to print and bind copy(ies) of the book as ordered (Print-On-Demand). Then comes shipping (courier delivery) time.

B) Less Expensive Printed Book solutions

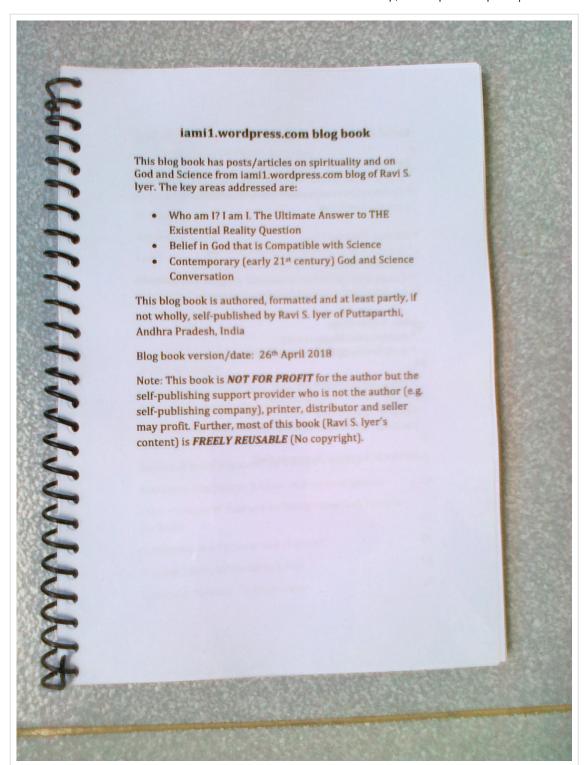
Alternatively, especially to reduce cost of the book, users can do free download of the document and cover page pictures for paper book print version from https://iami1.wordpress.com/consolidated-blog-content-document/. Then they can print and spiral-bind the document using services of printing & binding shops.

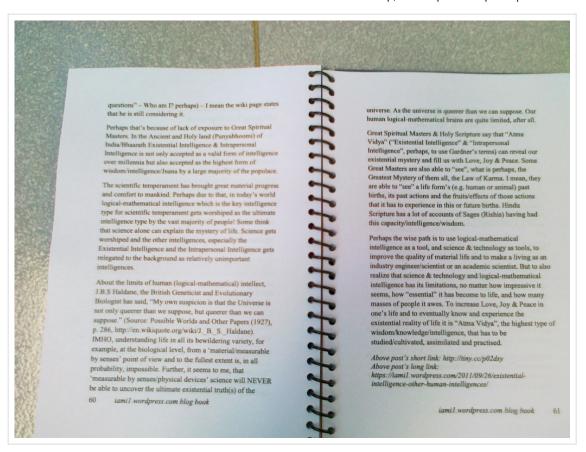
Given below are pics of such spiral-binding book copies I ordered from a Delhi based online printing service. Note that the initial shipment had a problem as they forgot to include the colour front and back cover pages! So I got them separately from them and had to do some patch-up work to attach the colour cover front and back pages to the spiral-bound book copies.

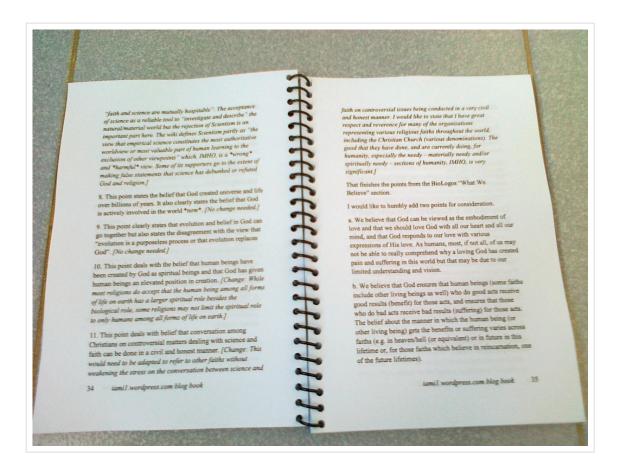


Above pic shows spiral-bound book copies after patch-up of attaching colour cover front (and back) pages. Below pics show the same spiral-bound copies before the patch-up was done.









The typical charges (as of April 2018) from the online printing service in Delhi mentioned earlier, is as follows:

- Around Rs. 43 (@ Rs 0.35 per page) for printing 123 double-sided A5 size pages of Black &
 White inner content of book on Normal 75 GSM paper
- Around Rs. 10 for printing Colour Cover Front page on thick (230 GSM) Glossy paper of A5 size (and similarly around Rs. 10 for printing Colour Cover Back page).
- Rs. 20 for spiral binding

That makes it around Rs. 73 (only cover front page) or Rs. 83 (both cover pages) for the spiral-binding book copy.

Shipping charge is extra, and in the range of Rs. 50 for 1 copy alone for shipping to South India. However, the shipping charge does not increase much for more number of copies. For example, even for 10 copies order, the shipping charge to South India seems to be less than Rs. 100.

Note that online printing shops also offer Soft Cover binding but its rate for 1 book copy is around Rs. 90 which makes it roughly as expensive as pothi.com sold book (for 1 copy). For an order of tens of copies like 20 copies, some discount may come into play on negotiations with the online printing service provider/shop.

I have given below the website of one such online printing service provider based in Delhi. Note that I am NOT recommending this provider and do not benefit in any way if users/readers place any orders with them. I am sharing the info. only to provide a concrete example to users/readers.

I placed one order with them of a single copy without binding and found that they seemed to have done a good job. But that is no guarantee that users/readers who use this online printing website will have a satisfactory experience. It is a risk that they will have to take.

On 30th April 2018, I placed an order with them of 12 spiral bound copies of the book to be delivered to my Puttaparthi flat. I have used these copies as complimentary and/or promotion copies. But, as mentioned earlier, they made a mistake of not attaching the colour cover front and back cover pages and so a patch-up job had to be done later on. This is one of the risks associated with ordering these low-cost spiral bound book copy(ies) from an online printing service.

Here's the Delhi based online printing service provider website that I have referred to above: PrintOnWeb (India), https://www.printonweb.in. Here's their Rate Calculator page: https://www.printonweb.in/main/price-calculator.php.

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